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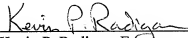
Entry of the amendments presented, and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Claims 1-10 & 13 remain pending.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowability of claims 12 & 24 if rewritten into independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Pursuant to this paper, the subject matter of claim 12, including intervening claim 11, is written into amended claim 1. Thus, claims 1-10 & 13 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants have cancelled system claims 14-30, without prejudice, from further consideration at this time. Applicants are not conceding in this application that claims 14-23 & 25-30 are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. The present claim cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable method subject matter. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue all canceled claims and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional applications.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with applicants' attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed number.

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